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In re the application of: Edwin Southern *et al.*

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For: *Libraries of Oligomers Labeled with Different Tags*
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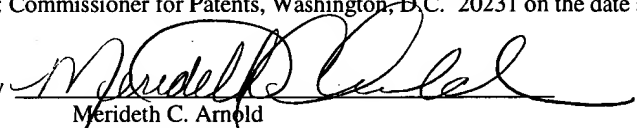
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This in response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2002 (Paper No. 10). A separate petition for the appropriate extension of time in which to respond is being filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Title:

Please replace the title with the following re-written title:

B1
"Libraries of Oligomers Labeled With Different Tags"

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 11, 24-41, 44-58, 60, 61, 63-65, and 70-74, without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claims 1, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 22, 23, 67, 68, and 69 as follows: